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1. THE JOINT STATEMENT ON THE 6TH VISIT BY A JAPAN
SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) DELEGATION TO CHINA SEEMS MARKED BY
COMPROMISE. PEKING APPARENTLY ACCOMMODATED THE JSP BY DE-
PICTING THE PROPOSED ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE OF THE DRAFT SINO-
JAPANESE PEACE TREATY TO SPECIFY THE US COEQUALLY WITH THE
USSR AS THE TARGET. WE WOULD GUESS THIS PERMITS THE JSP
TO CLAIM THAT THROUGH THE FORMULA OF OPPOSING US-SOVIET CON-
TENTION FOR HEGEMONY THEY HAVE VOIDED THE IMPLICATION OF
NARROW ANTI-SOVIETISM. IT IS POSSIBLE THE JSP ALSO TOOK THE
INITIATIVE IN REITERATING OPPOSITION TO THE US DEFENSE TREATY
AND BASES IN JAPAN, BUT THIS IS A HOARY PRINCIPLE IN
CHINESE-JSP RELATIONS AND REITERATING IT IS CONSISTENT
WITH THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE, TWO-LINE APPROACH PEKING HAS
BEEN TAKING IN COMMENTING UPON THE US ROLE IN ASIA.

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2. OTHER KEY ASPECTS OF THE STATEMENT REFLECT FAMILIAR CHANGES OCCURRING SINCE THE STATEMENT ON THE 5TH VISIT IN 1970. CRITICISM OF MOSCOW IS GREATLY EXPANDED (FROM NEAR ZERO), AND INCLUDES RECOVERY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WHICH, SIGNIFICANTLY PERHAPS, SEEMS PUT ON A PAR WITH THE GOAL OF REMOVING THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN JAPAN. CRITICISM OF THE US AND SOUTH KOREAN RELATIONSHIP IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 1970 STATEMENT. CONSPICUOUS CHANGES OVER 1970, IN ADDITION TO THE EXPRESSION OF JOY OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA, INCLUDE THE TOTAL OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO JAPANESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHICH WERE EXTENSIVELY REMARKED UPON IN 1970 WITH HARSH CRITICISM OF NEO-MILITARISM IN JAPAN, AND THE CORRESPONDING VERY BRIEF, NON-SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CHINESE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. BOTH SIDES MAY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THEY HAD GONE FAR ENOUGH TO BED WITH THE HEGEMONY CLAUSE.

3. THE LOWER LEVEL HANDLING OF THE JSP DELEGATION IS CONSPICUOUS. WHEREAS CHOU RECEIVED THE 1970 GROUP AND ATTENDED THE SIGNING OF THE STATEMENT, BOTH HE AND FIRST VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING (ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE PRESS) REGRETTED THEIR INABILITY TO DO SO THIS YEAR. UNDERSCORING THIS SEEMING ALOOFNESS, VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, THE TOP CHINESE LEADER TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATION, ALSO SKIPPED THE SIGNING, LEAVING THE FIELD TO LESSER FIGURES IDENTIFIED WITH FRIENDSHIP AFFAIRS. IT IS POSSIBLE THIS INDICATES SOME CHINESE DISPLEASURE WITH THE COMPROMISE ON THE STATEMENT.

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